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A ſhort Account of all the moſt conſiderable News, *Foreign* and *Domeſtic*.

Edinburgh, Tueſday September 10, 1723.

From the Evening Poſt, September 3.

Since our laſt arrived one Mail from France.

Paris, September 11.

THE French Academy have choſen the Abbot Alaric, The Preſident Henault, and Mr. Adam, Secretary of the Commands of the Prince of Conti, to fill up the 3 vacant Places of the Abbot Fleury, the Cardinal Du-Bois, and the firſt Preſident, all lately deceas'd.

Rome, Auguſt 21. The Affairs of Cardinall Alberoni grow better and better every Day, in ſo much, that 'tis expected his Eminency will ſhortly appear in publick.

Genoa, Auguſt 23. The young Count de Ribeira, who was a Canon of the Cathedral of Lisbon, arrived here lately with a young Lady of the Family of Caſtro, whom he married; he has notified his Arrival to our Archbiſhop, and deſired him to acquaint the Courts of Rome and Portugal with it. Several wounded Sailors, who were thrown over Board, have been taken up near St. Peter de Arena; as one of them had ſtill ſome Life in him, we hope to know from him, by whom that horrid Fact was committed.

Hague, September 10. The States General have paſſed a Reſolution to ſend an Ambaſſador to the Court of Spain: for which Employment, the States of the Province of Holland have propoſed M. Vander Meer, who 'tis believed will be approv'd by their High-Mightineſſes.

London, September 5. There is Advice from Hanover, That the late Lord Bolingbroke was arrived there; and that the Earl of Peterborough was preparing to ſet out thence for Venice.

Yeſterday the Prince George, a 2d. Rate Ship of 90 Guns, was launched at Deptford.

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From the Flying Poſt, September 3d.

Rome, Auguſt 21. Wedneſday laſt we had Advice, that the Papal Treaſurer Calligola has taken Poſſeſſion of the Fortreſs of Polo, which formerly belong'd to the Duke of Bracciano, and was afterwards ſold for a great Sum of Money to the Duke de Grillo, a Genoeſe: The Particulars of it, as well as of the Motives which influenced the Pope to give Orders accordingly, are theſe that follow.

The Pope conſidering what a vaſt Prejudice it might be to the Holy See, if the ſaid Fortreſs of Polo, which lies on the Coaſt of the Eccleſiaſtick State near Civita Vecchia, ſhould fall into the Hands of any foreign Potentate, ſolicited the Duke not long ago, to let the holy See have the ſaid Fief again at the ſame Price for which they bought it. But returning no Anſwer to three Letters which the Pope wrote to him ſucceſſively on that Subject: The Treaſurer by the Pope's Order advanced to the ſaid Fortreſs with two of his Gallies and ſome Land Forces; and the Captain of the chief Galley landing with ſome Officers and Soldiers, they entred the ſaid Fortreſs, on Pretence of a Curioſity to ſee it; but when they had paſſed the Draw-bridge, the Captain ſhew'd the Governour the Pope's Orders to ſeize the ſaid Fortreſs; whereupon he immediatly took Poſſeſſion of it, and put a ſmall Garriſon into it. Mean Time, an exact Inventary was taken, of all they found there before the Duke's Garriſon, which conſiſted but of ſix Soldiers, went out. On Thurſday Morning, a Gentleman from the Cardinal de Cinfuegos, went and delivered to every one of the Cardinals in Town, a Packet from the Emperor, which was ſealed up, and is ſuppoſed to relate to the ſaid Affair.

Copenhagen, Auguſt 31. The King lately preſented Prince Frederick with the Collar of the Order of the Elephant; after which, the young Prince rode for the firſt Time in his Majeſty's chief Coach, in Company with his Parents the Prince and Princeſs Royal of Denmark.

Heidelberg, September 4. The Burghers of this City have made their Senſes truckle to the Intrigues of the Jeſuites; for ſome of the three Religions, *viz.* Papiſts, Lutherians and Calviniſts, have been prevail'd upon, to ſend each a Deputation of 12 Burghers to wait on our Elector, who threw themſelves at his Feet, acquainted him with the deplorable State of this City, moſt humbly begg'd him Pardon, if through Inadvertency they had been guilty of any Crime, and pray'd him to give them new Marks of his ancient Affection, by granting them his Protection; and by reeſtabliſhing his Reſidence in this Town: The Elector bid them ſtand up, called them his *Dear Children*, and aſſured them that he had not the leaſt Grudge againſt the Burghers of his good City of Heidelberg, of what Religion ſoever they were; and that he ſhould always be diſpoſed to give them Proofs of his Affection; but then added, that they were not ignorant of the Complaints made againſt his Electoral Highneſs in foreign Parts; That the Citizens had as it were, drove him from Heidelberg; and that it very much depended on the Proteſtant Eccleſiaſtical Council to remedy it: Some think this Deputation may be attended with favourable Conſequences.

Frankfort, September 5. Five Houſes in the City of Mentz have lately been conſumed by an accidental Fire.

The late Dutcheſs of Deuxponts, whoſe Husband left her, and married a Lady of the Court, is dead at Strasburg; to which Place ſhe retired, having broke her Heart, as is ſaid, to ſee her ſelf put away by her Husband, becauſe ſhe would not change her Religion: She was a Lutherian, and was born Princeſs Palatine of Voldans.

Hague, September 11. The States General have appointed Mr. Francis Vander-Meer, one of the Counſellors of Leyden, their Ambaſſador at Madrid.

From the Evening Poſt, September 3.

London, September 3. They write from Farnham, that on Sonday Morning laſt, about 10 o'Clock, one of the Keepers was out in the Colt Forreſt, and ſaw

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ſome Fellows diſguiſed; he immediatly return'd back, and called his Fellow Keeper and the reſt of the Men Servants, and raiſed ſix Men in all, ſome whereof went with Guns, and ſome with long Sticks; after hearing two Guns go off, they ſaw a Fellow black'd, and running from them, hallowing aloud, they purſued and caught him; and tying his Arms, they left one of their Company to look after him, and immediatly eſpy'd 6 more, whom they very civilly deſired to leave the Ground and retire, which they refuſed, and parlying within 4 or 5 Yards, one of the Villains preſented his Gun, and ſhot the Keeper unexpectedly in at the Breaſt and out at the Back, who died immediatly upon the Spot, the reſt ſtood a long Battle, and the other Servants did not fire, till at laſt one ſeeing a Hunter lift up his Gun and preſent at his fellow Servant, who was a little before him, ſhot him into the Thigh, and broke the Bone to Pieces; ſo he fell. Three of them immediatly run away, and the other 4 are taken. The Letters add, That out of the 6 Deer Stealers, the nigheſt lives about 9 Miles from Farnham, and that the Gang there, which has been formerly ſo much talked of, is quite diſpers'd.

To-morrow at the ſpring Tide, The Prince George, a 2d. Rate of 90 Guns, will be launched at Deptford.

On Sunday Night laſt died at Kenſington, David Ogilvie, Agent to Colonel Ker's Regiment of Dragoons.

On Wedneſday laſt Commiſſary Crawford died at his Houſe in Pall-mall; and was on Sunday Night interr'd, at the Burial Place on this Side Chelſea-Hoſpital.

Prague, *Auguſt* 28. An Expreſs is arrived from Count Staremberg, the Emperor's Ambaſſador at Hanover, about the Affair of our Eaſt India Company erected in the Netherlands.

We have Advice, That 600 Houſes were conſumed in the late Fire at Clagonfurt.

Vienna, *Auguſt* 28. 'Tis ſaid, That Count de Zinzendorf will ſhortly go to Cambray, to give the finiſhing Stroke to the preliminary Articles of the enſuing Peace.

Berlin, *Auguſt* 31. The King of Pruſſia has ſent a magnificent Coach of a new Invention, as a Preſent to the King of Great Britain.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt.

Conſtantinople, *Auguſt* 5. A few Days ago was launched here a Ship of 120 Pieces of Cannon in Preſence of the Grand Seignior and the whole Court.

Moſcow, *Auguſt* 11. Our Emperor continues to cauſe Troops and Ammunition to be ſent up the Wolga from Veronetz to Aſtracan. 2000 Soldiers, beſides Workmen, are employed in the new Fortifications of the Caſtle which is building for the Emperor's Reſidence, and ſo much Skill is uſed, as is likely to render it one of the moſt conſiderable Places in all Europe.

Stockholm, *Auguſt* 25. On Saturday laſt the States reſolved to ſoften the Sentence againſt the Notary Daleen, who inſtead of loſing his Life is Impriſoned at Malſtrand as long as he lives, after having been expoſed on a Scaffold in three publick Places in this City, alſo in all the Towns on the Way thither. The Sentence of Death againſt the Sieur Procenins is confirmed, altho' the Body of the Clergy oppoſed it to the laſt. That which concerns Capt. Pranger was likewiſe confirmed, except that his Name is not to be expoſed on the Gallows.

Vienna, *Auguſt* 28. 'Tis ſaid, that a Foreign Engineer who was concerned in a dangerous Correſpondence, at the Inſtigation a certain Lord, whoſe Name is yet conceal'd, has been privately ſtrangled in Priſon, where he had been confined ſince May laſt. 'Tis ſaid alſo he was an Accomplice of the Incendiaries which had ſet Fire to ſo many Places in Hungary and Auſtria. A Man has been beheaded here for marrying a ſecond Wife while the firſt was living. They will begin to draw the Lottery of our Eaſtern Company in two Days.

Lisbon, *Auguſt* 11. According to the Letters from Goa, our Vice-roy having made Peace with thoſe of Augria, had afterwards invaded the Country of the

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King of Sunda, on the Side of Cocubeina, where our Troops had deſtroyed ſeveral Temples dedicated to Pagan Gods, which had obliged that Prince to deſire a Peace, which was granted him.

Genoa, Auguſt 23. Captain Scot Commander of an Engliſh Man of War, who is gone to Algier, 'tis ſaid has Inſtructions, on the Part of the King of Great Britain to complain of the Corſairs of that Nation, preſuming to cruiſe in the Mouth of the Channel, and to demand Satisfaction for the ſame. The Marquis de Mari is returned with his Squadron to the Ports of Spain.

Bruſſels, Sept. 9. The firſt Payment of the new Subſcriptions, is not yet entirely compleated, and the Tranſfer Books are not to be opened till after the firſt General Aſſembly. The Oppoſitions which the Company meet with hinders the Actions from riſing ſo high as the Subſcribers hoped for. They ſtill remain at 15 *per Cent. Præmium.*

Hague Sept. 8. Admiral Godin is appointed by the States General to command the Squadron of 5 Men of War, which is deſigned to cruiſe againſt the Algerines, and which is to Winter in the Ports of Spain.

London, September 3. Yeſterday being the Anniverſary Faſt in Commemoration of the Burning of this City in *1666*, the ſame was obſerved here with the uſual Solemnity.

On Friday laſt Mr. Lyons, Author of the Infallibility of Humane Judgment, its Dignity and Excellency, &c. appeared on his Recogniżance at the Court of Old-Baily,, and was honourably diſcharged, there being no Proſecution againſt him.

The ſame Evening ſeveral of the Inhabitants of Kingſton upon Thames were robb'd by a Gang of Foot Pads, who had conceal'd themſelves in a Wood near the Gallows belonging to that Town. And on Sunday they committed ſeveral Robberies on that Road; in ſo much that they were about to raiſe the *Poſſe Comitatus* to go in Queſt of the Rogues.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Sept. 5.

Meſſina, Aug. 2. Mr. Chamberlain, the Britiſh Conſul here, having repreſented to our Viceroy at Palermo, That at Leghorn and Naples, all Ships coming directly from Great Britain, are admitted to free Pratique, in the ſame manner as before the Plague happened in France, has obtained an Order, That all Ships from Great Britain ſhall be admitted into any Port of this Kingdom, as formerly: And three Engliſh Ships now in this Port, laden with Woollen Goods and other Merchandice for the Fair here, which began Yeſterday, are the firſt that enjoy this Benefit.

Naples, Aug. 18. The Marquis de St. Elizabeth, ſecond Son of Prince Ragotski, is gone to take Poſſeſſion of the Lands which the Emperor has given him in Sicily; the Marquis de St. Charles, his Brother, waits here for him to return together to Vienna. The Government has taken by Force out of the Convent of the Cordeliers, two Malefactors who were fled thither for Refuge, and have caus'd them to be impriſoned among the Criminals. A Sicilian Woman and her Daughter have been found hang'd in their Houſe, but the Occaſion is not known.

Genoa, Auguſt 23. We expect every Moment News of a Fight between 2 Malteſe Men of War and 3 Corſairs of Algiers which are on the Spaniſh Coaſt: Divers wounded Seamen which were thrown over-board, have been found near St. Peter d' Arena; and as one of them is living, we expect to hear who committed this Barbarity.

Paris, Sept. 3. The King continues to take the Diverſion of Hunting, and has begun, for 8 or 10 Days paſt, to dine under Tents with the Lords and Ladies of the Court who attend him.

They write from Tunis, That the Vice-chancellor of the Regency had been appointed by the Dey, Envoy to the States General, and was to go to Holland in a Dutch Veſſel. 'Tis added, That the Regency had agreed to conclude a Treaty with the Republic of Venice: That the Venetian Merchants ſettled at Tunis, had ſent Articles to the Senate to be ratified: That they had obtained for the Republic, the ſame Conditions as have been granted to other Powers who are at Peace with that Government; and that the Dey had conſented to grant them the Farm of the Salt-pits of Zora for 60000 Piaſters *per Annum*, which is twice the Sum that us'd to be pay'd by the Genoeſe.

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London, Sept. 5. They write from Oxford, That the Reverend Mr. Lancelot Andrews, Great Grandſon to the learned and pious Biſhop of Wincheſter of that Name, hath, in full Convocation, had the Degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him, not only on account of his own perſonal Merit, but for ſome valuable Manuſcripts of the ſaid Biſhop, preſented by him to the Bodleian Library.

We hear that Colonel Williamſon, Lieutenant Governor of the Tower, deſigns to give a Boat and Oars, to be row'd for on the 4th of November next, being the Birth-day of K. William III. by 8 Batchelors, Watermen, that live within the Tower Liberties. They are to ſtart at Wapping New Stairs, an Hour before Flood, and row thro' Bridge to Whitehall, and back to the Tower Watergate. He intends to give the like next Year on Queen Elizabeth's Birth-day, and ſo alternately every Year.

Dr. Waller of Newport Pagnel, an eminent Phyſician and Man Midwife, died laſt Week in the 96th Year of his Age.

Yeſterday Morning Cornet Baker and Mr. Hare of Eaſt Cotton, Gent. fought a Duel on Old-oak Common near Acton-wells: Mr. Hare was killed on the Spot, and the other ſince made his Eſcape: But the Occaſion of the Quarrel is not yet known.

We hear his Majeſty's Ship the Advice, will ſhortly be put in Commiſſion to go to the Streights to relieve the Dragon.

About 150 Men are now at Work, Fiſhing, Draining and caſting the ſeveral Canals of the Royal Hoſpital at Chelſea; after which the long Walk leading to the Thames is to be conſiderably raiſed.

We hear that Sir Richard Hopkins and Mr. Feaſt have nominated Mr. Marſh, Clerk to the Haberdaſhers Company, to be Under-Sheriff for this City and County for the Year enſuing.

On Monday Morning laſt, died at Kenſington Sir Henry Lyddal, Bart. High Sheriff of the Palatinate of Durham formerly Member of Parliament for Newcaſtle upon Tyne. He is ſucceeded in Honour, and Real Eſtate of above 6000 *l.* per Annum, by his Grandſon, Henry Lyddal, Eſq; of about 15 Years of Age.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Sept. 5.

THey write from Cadix, that the Vice King of Mexico, who came on Board the Quick-Silver Ships brought to the King of Spain, a dead ſpread Eagle, which was ſhot thro' the right Wing, ſure by a Spaniard, as it was talloning a Fawn near a Place called Guaxaca. It is a young Bird, no bigger than a middling Turky of the common Colour of an Eagle, but of a larger Breaſt and Shoulders than ordinary, out of which ſprung two Necks, 7 or 8 Inches long aſunder, on each Neck there is a perfect Head of an Eagle nearly proportion'd to each other. It was ſeen he watched with one Head, whilſt he fed and prey'd with the other, and uſed both either Way. The right Head faces through his Blunder to the left Side, otherwiſe it would form as it lies, the Imperial Arms. 'Tis affirmed, that this Bird made ſo much Noiſe in America, that the Notary publick liv'd on the Atteſtations taken of it ſome Weeks.

Letters from Italy ſpeak of the great Diſcontents of thoſe People, which are under the Subjection of the Houſe of Auſtria, particularly the Neopolitans, who being exceedingly oppreſſed with heavy Taxes on them by the Vice-Roy, have ſent a Memorial to Prague, conſiſting of 120 Articles of Complaints praying for Relief.

Advices from Rome relate, That the Ambaſſador of Parma, in his late Audience he had of the Pope, notified to his Holineſs, That his Catholic Majeſty was fully determined to declare the Infant Don Carlos, Hereditary Prince of Tuſcany, de Medicis and de Farneſe. They add, That on the 20th paſt Advice came, that the Pope's Treaſurer Caligola, drawing near to the Fortreſs of Polo (ſituated on the Eccleſiaſtical Territories, near Civita Vecchia) with two Galleys and Soldiers on board; the Captain of the Galleys landed them, together with ſome

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Officers, and entred the Fortreſs under Pretence of viewing it: But aſſoon as they were paſs'd over the Draw-bridge, the ſaid Captain produc'd to the Duke de Grillo's Commanding Officer, the Pope's Order to make himſelf Maſter of the Fort, and thereby prevent the great Prejudice that would enſue to the Holy See, if the ſaid Fortreſs ſhould fall into the Hands of ſome Foreign Potentate. Upon which he immediately took Poſſeſſion of it, and put therein a ſmall Garriſon: But 'tis believed, that this Proceeding may occaſion a Difference with the Imperial Court.

Yeſterday ſeveral of the Clergy waited on the Right Reverend Dr. Willis and Dr. Hoadly, to congratulate them on their new Promotions. His Majeſty has nominated Dr. Laing for the Biſhoprick of Norwich, and Dr. Egerton for that of Hereford.

Some People are ſo ill natured and unlearned as to deem the Anſwers in the Paper called the Briton to be mere Raillery, and ſuch as is beneath, the Author of the True Briton to take Notice of. But whoever reads the Anſwer in that Paper publiſhed yeſterday, to the Collect which the *True Briton* is for having inſerted in the Litany muſt account it very ſharp, and much to the Purpoſe. The Words are theſe, viz. *Amazing Change! The Preſident of the Hellfire Clubb, takes up the Chair of the Preacher, and no doubt Religion enforced by the Exemplary Life and Character of the* True Briton, *muſt have a mighty Weight upon the Minds of all pious and well diſpoſed Perſons.*

S. S. Stock is riſen to 110, The Occaſion of which is chiefly attributed to the Expectation of an Addition to be made to the preſent Stock of 6 or 8, from the Eſtates of the late Directors.

They write from Guildford of the 4th Inſtant, That the Lord Onſlow, was returned to his Seat at Clandon; and out of Danger; that the Perſon who ſhot him being asked what Reaſon he had for ſo doing; anſwered, he was ſpirited up to it; he being asked by whom, he would name no Body.

Some private Letters mention the Arrival of the late Biſhop of Rocheſter at Aix la Chapelle.

South Sea Stock was this Afternoon at 112, and there is a Talk of its coming up to 120. Its reported there will be next Year a South Sea Lottery.

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